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### RURAL TELEPHONE COMPANY CERTIFICATION

Consolidated Telcom, Inc., formerly CTC Communications Inc., files this certification statement pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Report and Order, CC Docket 96-45, released May 8, 1997. In Section VII, Paragraph 310 of the Order, the FCC stated that a carrier "must notify the Commission and its state commission that, for purposes of universal service support determinations, it meets the Section 3(37) definition of a rural carrier." Section 3(37) of the 1996 Telecommunications Act (the "Act") defines a "rural telephone company."

Consolidated Telcom, Inc. hereby certifies that:

1. Consolidated Telcom, Inc. is a "rural telephone company" as defined in the Act, 47 U.S.C. 153 (37). Consolidated Telcom, Inc. satisfies alternative definition (37)(B), fewer than 50,000 access lines.
2. Consolidated Telcom, Inc. provides telephone exchange service including exchange access in the following exchange areas in North Dakota:

Total Access Lines

Exchange Prefix Name

1,442  
1,229  
518  
608  
780

523 Bowman  
567 Hettinger  
579 New England  
764 Killdeer  
824 Mott

3. The "service area" or "study area" of Consolidated Telcom, Inc. is comprised of all of its exchange areas identified in paragraph 2 for

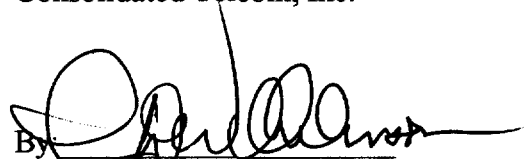
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purposes of section 214 of the Act and Consolidated Telcom, Inc.'s designation as eligible telecommunications carrier for the service area. The total number of access lines served is 4,577. As published in the most reliable and recent compilation, the North Dakota Telephone Association 1998-99 directory of North Dakota Telephone Companies.

4. Consolidated Telcom, Inc. has been designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier under the Act U.S.C. 214(e) by the North Dakota Public Service Commission.

Dated this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of December, 1998

Consolidated Telcom, Inc.

By: 

L. Dan Wilhelmson

Its: General Manager/CEO